Assistance to Karnataka for Control of Pests and Diseases

1265. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has sent any proposal for financial assistance for control of pests and diseases and rejuvenation of coconut palm in Turuvekere Taluk of Tumkur District;

(b) if so, whether any assistance from Central Development Board has been given to Karnataka; and

(c) if not, by when the amount would be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During November 2004, Coconut Development Board under this Ministry has received a project proposal from the Government of Karnataka for control of pests & diseases and rejuvenation of coconut palms in Turuvekere Taluk of Tumkur district at a total cost of Rs. 6.63 crores. The project could not be sanctioned by the Board, since the scale of assistance sought was very high and was not in accordance with the guidelines issued under the Technology Mission Programme. However, in view of the pest &disease problem, the Board has sanctioned an additional amount of Rs. 140.00 lakhs to the Government of Karnataka over and above the annual allocation of Rs. 143.15 lakhs made to the State Government during 2004-05 under the ongoing programme, 'Laying out of Demonstration Plots'. Out of this, an amount of Rs 70.00 lakhs was released during the year 2004-05 and the balance amount of Rs. 70.00 lakhs was released during the year 2005-06.

Crop Damage Due to Floods

1266. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of extent of damage to the crops due to recent floods in the various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details in terms of value of the damaged crops and the area affected, State-wise;

(c) the manner in which Government plan to help the affected farmers;

(d) the details of the mechanism for disbursing the help;

(e) whether Government have a mechanism to monitor the actual disbursal of help; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) For an on the spot assessment of the damage due to floods, the Inter-ministerial Central Teams have visited only the States of Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Nagaland which have submitted Memorandum for financial assistance. However, State Governments, based on their preliminary assessment, have reported that the crop area of about 10.5 lakh hectares (as on 31.7.2005) has been affected. The State-wise crop area affected is given in the Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) The assistance for relief and rehabilitation in the wake of natural calamities is given to the States in two ways: (i) A Calamity Relief Fund (CRF has been constituted for each State which is contributed by the Government of India and the State Governments in ratio of 3:1. The State Governments are required to meet relief expenditure from the CRF; and (ii) In case the calamity is of a severe nature and the funds available in the State's CRF account are not sufficient, additional assistance is provided to the States out of the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), after following the established procedure: Under the guidelines for expenditure from CRF/NCCF the assistance to the affected farmers is admissible for Agriculture Input Subsidy, damage to houses, employment under relief programmes, assistance for loss of animals, assistance for feed, fodder and *ex-gratia* payment fo families of deceased persons.

(e) and (f) As per existing Scheme of Financing Relief Expenditure, the State Governments are primarily responsible for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures in the areas affected by natural calamities including floods. The distribution of relief on ground is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial and logistic support, wherever necessary.

Statement

Damage due to Heavy Rains & Floods during South West Monsoon, 2005

(Provisional, As on 31.07.2005)

SI.No.	State	Crop areas affected (Lakh hectares)
1	Assam	0.71
2	Andhra Pradesh	0.03
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0.12
4	Bihar	0.005
5	Goa	0.11
6	Gujarat	3.66
7	Haryana	0.13
8	Himachal Pradesh	0.58
9	Jammu & Kashmir	NR
10	Karnataka	0.13
11	Kerala	0.01
12	Madhya Pradesh	NR
13	Maharashtra	2.25
14	Meghalaya	NR
15	Nagaland	Neg.
19	Orissa	1.62
17	Pondicherry	0.68
18	Punjab	0.17
19	Rajasthan	NR
20	Sikkim	NR
21	Tamil Nadu	NR
22	Uttar Pradesh.	0.34
23	Uttaranchal	NR
24	West Bengal	NR
	TOTAL	10.545

NOTE: NR - Not reported. Neg-Negligible

MIS Expenditure

1267. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the total amount of money spent on Market Invention